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SUBJ: 55TH ECOSOC: ITEM 24- IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GRANTING
OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

REF: GENEVA 3454

1. SUMMARY: US DEL HAS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT USSR,
IN COURSE OF DEBATE ON ITEM 24, IMPLEMENTATION OF
GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND
PEOPLES, WILL INTRODUCE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR
EXPANSION OF GA RES. 2980 (XXVII) TO COVER ADDITIONAL
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, I.E. INTERNATIONAL
NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS. UNLESS INSTRUCTED
TO CONTRARY US DEL WILL BE GUIDED BY BACKGROUND
PROVIDED US POSITION PAPER (UNEC D-599/73; SD/E/2446).
END SUMMARY.

2. AS REPORTED REFTTEL, NGO COMMITTEE AS REQUESTED IN
ECOSOC RES. 1739 (LIV) AND 1740 (LIV) BRIEFLY CONSIDERED
CONTRIBUTIONS NGOS MAY MAKE TO IMPLEMENTATION OF
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND IMPLEMENTATION
OF GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND
PEOPLES. SINCE COMMITTEE WAS LIMITED BY SECRETARIAT
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SCHEDULING CONFLICT TO TWO SHORT SESSIONS, DISCUSSION

WAS ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY PROCEDURAL, NON-SUBSTANTIVE IN NATURE. USSR DEL DID ATTEMPT TO FOCUS COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUE OF GA RES 2980 (XXVII), A TACTIC WHICH US, UK, FRANCE AND NETHERLANDS REPS OPPOSED. FOLLOWING SUPPORTIVE STATEMENT BY HUNGARIAN DEL (RAPPORTEUR) AND OTHER DELS, IT WAS DECIDED TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE OF USSR PROPOSAL IN COMMITTEE REPORT WITH PROVISION THAT IT BE TAKEN UP BY THE COUNCIL UNDER PERVIOUSLY SCHEDULED ITEM 24.

3. COMMITTEE REPORT, IN FINAL STAGES OF PREPARATION BY SECRETARIAT, CONTAINS FOLLOWING PARA: QUOTE: THE DELEGATION OF THE USSR, REFERRING TO GA RES. 2980 (XXVII) SUGGESTED THAT THE COMMITTEE SHOULD RECOMMEND THROUGH ECOSOC TO THE GA THE FOLLOWING:

1. TO ENLARGE THE NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO WHICH RESOLUTIONS ON DECOLONISATION AND PARTICULARLY GA RES 2980 (XXVII) REFER TO, BY INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL NGOS;

2. TO ADDRESS TO INTERNATIONAL NGOS AN APPEAL TO CONSIDER, DURING THE MEETINGS OF THEIR EXECUTIVE BODIES, THE POSSIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING GA RES 2980 (XXVII) IN ORDER TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM OF ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. END QUOTE.

4. USSR DEL IN COURSE INFORMAL WORKING GROUP INDICATED INTEREST IN PRESENTING ABOVE PROPOSAL WHEN ITEM 24 CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL COORDINATION COMMITTEE WEEK OF JULY 30. UNLESS NEW OR SUPPLEMENTARY INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED FROM DEPT, US DEL INTENDS RELY ON MATERIAL PROVIDED US POSITION PAPER PREPARED PREVIOUSLY FOR AGENDA ITEM 24.

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